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A new Sandbox Gazette has arrived. In this edition we will show the calendar of events, inform you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, provide a heartwarming story about adopted cats from The Tenth Life, discuss handicapped cats, make a carrier announcement, repeat a request, offer a thank-you to two local businesses, acknowledge the Dorothy Lane Market contribution, update you on the Combined Federal Campaign and United Way donations, inform you about Street Fair and Popcorn Festival, kick-off the three dollar campaign, remind you about the annual plant sale, tell you about the plans for the annual dinner and auction, display the monthly supply donation list, advise you about the past, current and future fund raisers, and give reminders.

Calendar of Events

Our calendar of important dates for The Tenth Life for the next several months of 2021 is shown below.

\$3.00 Campaign Begins	April 1 st
Plant Pick-Up Begins	May 4 th after 4pm
Yellow Springs Street Fair	June 12 th cancelled
Lasagna Dinner and Auction	August 22 nd
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sept 11 th & 12 th
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 9 th

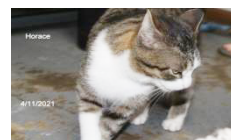
Feature Cats

We are happy to announce that all of the cats in the last newsletter have been adopted to loving homes. Rosie was adopted with another cat from The Tenth Life by a couple and is living like a queen, getting lots of attention. Nina was adopted as an only cat by a single lady and is very spoiled and loving it. Bailey has been adopted by an elderly lady and is slowly adapting to her new home as she is a shy girl in a new situation.

The new feature cats are Callie and Bailey, Horace, and Lime and Clementine. Callie and Bailey are sisters and belonged to an elderly couple that had to move to a nursing home where they could not take the sisters. The girls are eight years old and are very sweet. They are both short hair, and Callie is a calico and Bailey is a tortie/tiger. Callie is a little slower to adjust to change than Bailey. When we moved them into a room, Callie hid and Bailey was greeting visitors to her room the same day. It is so hard for cats that have had a home to move into a shelter environment. They are very sweet and love attention.

Horace was a stray in Xenia and is a tiger and white, short hair. He is about one year old and is a small cat for a male. He only weighs eight pounds. He is constantly asking for attention and loves to be petted. He has never met a stranger.

The last feature cats are Lime and Clementine. They are tiger, sister twins and are nine months old. They love to chase and play like all kittens and snuggle with the adults in their room. They are short hair and are small for their age as their mother is a small adult. They are the last kittens of a litter of five.



All are spayed or neutered, blood tested for viruses, fully vaccinated, treated for internal and external parasites, and micro chipped. The adoption fee is seventy-five dollars, and all adoptions are by appointment. Please call us to see these wonderful cats, or any others, at The Tenth Life. They enrich your life and make your house a home.

Heartwarming Story

Our heartwarming story for this newsletter is about Candy and Toffee. Candy is a three-year old cat who came to The Tenth Life as part of a feral litter of seven. Toffee is a seven year old tortie/tiger who came to The Tenth Life as a feral kitten. They were both very shy for a long time, and had recently decided that they enjoyed being petted and loved. A volunteer couple who had recently lost a beloved cat, decided to adopt another cat. They searched all the rooms and fell in love with both of these girls who lived in different rooms. They tried to decide which one to adopt, but finally decided that they would have to adopt both of them. Having been feral, it was harder for them to adjust to a new home than it would have been for an always friendly cat. They have both settled in and are friends with the resident cat. They are very grateful to have a loving home especially considering their beginnings. Once feral cats learn to trust and gain a loving home, they can be the most loving cats of all.

Information about Handicapped Cats

Several months ago a kitten was bought to The Tenth Life who was blind due to an eye infection when she was very young. The eye infection was not treated in a timely or appropriate manner, and she lost her eyesight. In addition, in our health care facility, we have a three-legged cat. Over the years, we have had people tell us that they had a cat “put to sleep” because it was blind or was going to lose a leg. We understand that people who have not had experience with handicapped cats, might have concerns or reservations about cats having to live without a limb or without their eyesight. Unfortunately, people often think that the cat will not have any quality to their life. This is totally false. Of course, handicapped cats should always be inside, but these cats do not realize that they are any different from other cats. They do everything that other cats do, without any difficulty. They play, give love to their people, and enjoy life. As a veterinarian told us years ago, they do not sit in front of a mirror, and wonder why they are different. They do not feel sorry for themselves. They simply go on with their lives and enjoy their lives. They are so brave and so grateful to be alive, to have fun and love their people.

Some people think that handicapped cats require special care, but this is also false. If the cat is blind, it is better not to rearrange furniture. They become familiar with where everything is located and can navigate throughout the house with no difficulty. Even if you do rearrange, they will adjust to the new arrangement if given sufficient time. A cat that has lost a limb, will be able to climb steps, chase a toy or another cat, and jump on furniture. They know no bounds. Handicapped cats do not put limits on themselves, and neither should we.

Please do not consider ending an animal’s life because it is “handicapped.” They will absolutely amaze you with their ability to live a normal life. They will love you just as much with their handicap. We would not think of ending a person’s life because of a handicap, we should not end an animal’s life because of one. If you have any questions about handicapped cats, please call us, and we can answer your questions.

When the blind kitten, London, was moved into a room at The Tenth Life, it took her less than a day to be on top of the cat tree in her room. When people visited her room, they had no idea she was blind because of how well she maneuvered around the room. London has found a loving home and is a treasured pet. The man who adopted her, has adopted other blind cats from The Tenth Life. Cats are so amazing. Chrissie, the three-legged cat in the health care facility, can be found on top of the six-foot cat tree or on the desk. She simply flies down the hallway and up the tree or onto the desk in one movement. Another amazing cat!

Carrier Announcement

We have a huge selection of cat carriers in various sizes available for sale. We offer these at greatly reduced prices to help people have a proper and safe means of transportation for their cats. Some people allow their cat to roam freely in the car which is very dangerous. The cat can get under the pedals or block the driver’s view and cause accidents. There have been reports of people being involved in an accident with a cat loose in the car. The cat escapes the car and could be lost forever or run over on the road. Too many people carry their cats in their arms

into the veterinarian offices. Most veterinarian offices are on busy, noisy roads and some cats have jumped out of their owners arms. They could run onto the road and be killed by a passing car. We price these carriers between ten and twenty dollars to make them more affordable than in pet stores. They are new or nearly new.

Repeat a Request

We have been asking for everyone who can and is willing to do so to change the method of receiving their newsletter from mailed copy to email. Many of you have done this, but we are still sending twenty-five hundred copies by mail. We realize that not everyone has email and that some people simply prefer to receive a hard copy in the mail. That is fine! However, if you are agreeable to this change, please notify us by mail or phone call and we will gladly make the change. This saves those of us preparing the mailed copies a great deal of time to tape and label the newsletters, and the cats' funds used for printing and mailing costs. We are not trying to eliminate people from the mailing list unless they do not read or want the newsletter, but are trying to save funds. If you read the newsletter and enjoy it, we will gladly continue sending your newsletter by mail.

Thank-You to a Local Business

We want to offer a special thank-you to the Pet Supplies Plus in Centerville. For a few years, they have provided space in their store for a bin for customers to donate items to The Tenth Life. They ask customers if they would like to donate food or other merchandise to The Tenth Life. We have a volunteer who picks up the donated merchandise for the cats. There are donations of food, litter boxes, litter, etc. We truly appreciate their having this bin for donations to the cats of The Tenth Life. It is very kind of Pet Supplies Plus to offer this help.

Another Thank-You

In the last newsletter, we requested supporters to crochet catnip toys. Several people have responded and

are busy making catnip toys for the festivals and bazaars. Of course, we can always use more crotcheters, as the catnip toys are very popular with people's cats. The toys are a great fund raiser for the cats. Many people who visit the festivals tell us that our catnip toys are the only toys their cats like. Some have even told us that these toys are the only reason they visit the festival. We have patterns, yarn, and catnip. The only thing we need are the people to crochet the toys. We appreciate everyone who is already working on toys and will gladly welcome more toy makers.

Dorothy Lane Market

We received our annual check from the Dorothy Lane Market's Good Neighbor Program. This was the largest check we have received from this fund raiser for several years. It was eight hundred and nine dollars. We thank everyone who shops at Dorothy Lane Market and participates in this program for The Tenth Life. If you shop at any of their stores and have not registered as a supporter of The Tenth Life, please do so to help the cats at no expense to you. You must spend at least one thousand dollars per year to have your purchases qualify for the program. At the end of the year, Dorothy Lane Market distributes funds to all registered charities. This is such an easy way to help the cats without an expenditure of your own funds. We thank Dorothy Lane Market and our supporters for this donation.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)/United Way (UW)

We have received notification of the Combined Federal Campaign and United Way donations from the 2020 campaigns. The Tenth Life will receive nearly seventeen thousand dollars from the two campaigns. We receive monthly donations from CFC and quarterly donations from UW. We will be sending letters in the near future to those requesting an acknowledgement. We truly appreciate everyone's donations to the 2020 campaigns. Please remember The Tenth Life during this next campaign season that will begin in September and October. For CFC our number is 32031, but for UW you must write in The Tenth Life Pet Therapy Program. We

appreciate your thinking of the cats and donating to their well-being.

Yellow Springs Street Fair

We were notified in late January that the Yellow Springs Street Fair in June was cancelled due to the pandemic. This is always a great event for The Tenth Life, but we certainly understand their decision with all of the uncertainties surrounding the pandemic. We will keep you informed about the October Street Fair as soon as their decision is made.

Beavercreek Popcorn Festival

The Beavercreek Popcorn Festival committee is planning on having the festival on September 11th and 12th. If it is held, we will be in space 176 on Dayton-Xenia Road in front of McDonald's. We will have our usual array of merchandise, including catnip toys, apparel, greeting cards, etc. Please plan to attend and visit our booth. We love to visit with the people who stop by our booth and tell us their favorite cat stories. Hope to see you there.

Three-Dollar Campaign

As of April 1st, the three-dollar campaign for 2021 has begun. We have already received some donations for this fund raiser. For those of you who are not familiar with this fund-raising campaign, we started this fund raiser several years ago as an alternative to an annual yard sale that became too labor-intensive to continue. We decided with this, we could accumulate more funds for the cats than with the yard sale. We ask everyone on our mailing list to contribute three dollars to the cats. Of course, more is fine as many people do. It is such a small amount in the hopes that everyone can donate without impacting their finances. This campaign has been very successful for the cats. Last year this campaign raised nearly fifty-four thousand dollars. This was about five thousand dollars more than the previous year; however, this only partially helped to replace the thirty thousand

dollars of fundraising efforts that we could not do last year, such as the dinner and auction and several festivals. We are asking for your help again this year with this campaign, as some of the festivals and our dinner are still uncertain at this time. The Yellow Springs Street Fair for June has already been cancelled. The funds from this campaign help to cover some of the day-to-day expenses of caring for the hundreds of cats residing at The Tenth Life.

As we receive a huge number of donations to this fund raiser, we send acknowledgement letters for all donations over twenty-dollars. If requested, we will do a letter for any amount. We appreciate all donations, none are too small. They all add up to the total and help the cats. The cats are counting on you to donate and help their cause. Please send your donation now to avoid forgetting.

Annual Flower and Plant Sale

May 4th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm is the start of flower and plant pick-up. The hours will be the same for each week night after that. The hours on Saturday will be 10:30am – 5:00pm and on Sunday from 12:30 – 5:00pm. Please only come during these hours so that we may assist you with your order. Many orders may look alike but may not be yours, and you could wreak havoc with our order system. The plants are again provided by Furst Florist and Garden Center. They have always supplied the plants for the sale and are always the best plants available. They are so beautiful, and the cost is competitive with other nurseries. They are not big box store plants, but rather are the highest quality, healthiest plants you can find. Please be sure to tell everyone you know about the sale. Last year the orders from our supporters totaled twenty-two thousand six hundred dollars; however this year the orders totaled twenty-six thousand two hundred dollars – a growth of over eighteen percent. Of course our total order to Furst was in excess of this amount as we always have an excellent supply of extras. We try to have extras of all varieties for your shopping convenience. There will be annual bedding plants of many varieties, hanging baskets, flowering pots, patio pots, perennials, herbs, and vegetables. If you do not see extras of what you want simply tell us and we will be glad to go back to Furst to

supply your needs and wants. See you at the sale, and if you did not order, please come and buy some of our extras. Everyone is helping the cats with their purchases. Let's grow this sale even more!

Lasagna Dinner and Auction

There is still a great deal of uncertainty about our ability to have the annual dinner and auction with the covid virus still spreading. As time progresses, we will have more information about the event and the possibility of having the event. We have reserved the VFW Post 8312 for August 22nd for this event. This is the same location where we have had the sale for the last several years. It is located at 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. Volunteers are already making plans for the auction. Although we have outgrown the location, it is convenient for many reasons. It is within the vicinity of The Tenth Life; it is around the corner from the storage facility that donates one or two storage units for our use prior to the sale; there is sufficient parking; and the rental fee is affordable. Please start planning now for the event. This event is always a fun-filled afternoon for our supporters with great items at amazing prices. Please plan to attend.

Instead of opening the doors at 2:00pm, we will open at 1:00pm for your browsing pleasure. Some people have complained that we begin closing tables too early, and they do not have time to browse as much as they would like. Unfortunately with the number of auction tables that we have, we must begin closing the tables at about 3:00pm to have time to close all of the tables and get people checked out with their treasures. With the extra hour of browsing time, we hope to satisfy our customers' requests. In 2019, we had fifty-six tables of silent auction items including tables of gift cards to restaurants, exhibits, Disney World, Dayton Dragons baseball, Cincinnati Reds baseball, college football and basketball tickets, entry tickets to several museums in the tri-state area and airline tickets. We had jewelry, clothing, gift baskets for humans and animals, cat and dog food, cat litter, household utensils, and hundreds of other items for your buying pleasure. With the current situation in the world, we are not sure of the magnitude this year. With many businesses being closed, we are afraid that they will

not be able to donate to our fund raiser. The Tenth Life volunteers are currently soliciting this year's treasures. As part of the festivities, we have a 50/50 raffle with half the money going to the cats and half to the winning human.

We will begin serving the delicious lasagna dinner at 2:00pm and will continue until the end of the event. We have arranged for Belmont Catering to supply the lasagna again this year. The cost of the dinner is again ten dollars or six dollars for the salad bar. Included in the dinner is meat or meatless lasagna, salad, breadsticks, dessert, and coffee or tea. If soft drinks or bottled water are preferred, they will be available for an extra charge. Any leftover lasagna will be available for purchase at the end of the event. We know you love the lasagna.

As always we will have our tables of items for The Tenth Life. We will have our apparel that displays The Tenth Life logo, catnip toys, cat books, cat supplies from beds to Pet Hair Magnets and Furminators, note and Christmas cards, and much more.

We will also have a bake sale as part of the event. It will feature cake(s), cookies, and other treats to tempt your senses. We will need more bakers to help us with the sale. If you can help, we would really appreciate your support. The baked goods can be brought to the VFW on Saturday from 9:00am-5:00pm or on Sunday from 10:00am-12:00pm. We will also need baked goods for the dessert table for the dinner. Thanks for your help with this need.

As we display many of our smaller, associated items in baskets, we are needing basket filler/stuffing materials to save buying these materials. They can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. At the current time, we have a sufficient inventory of baskets. Thank you.

We are again asking our supporters for donations of items for the auction. All types of items are needed. We are not looking for yard sale items, but instead new or gently-used merchandise or vintage items. Donations of jewelry items are also needed as they seem to be good sellers. Of course, cat-oriented items are great sellers, but we have all types of merchandise for our auction. The auction is very popular and is our largest fund raiser. We

can accept donations at any time during our hours of operation. If you cannot transport the items, call us and we can make arrangements for pick-up. All donated items are tax deductible, and we are happy to provide a letter to you for your donation.

We have several needs which include workers to visit businesses to solicit donations, workers for the event, such as servers, table monitors and table cleaners, volunteers for making gift baskets for the auction, and volunteers to help with pricing auction items and making bid sheets. We will also be looking for sources for donations for soft drinks and the salad bar. We have been very fortunate to receive donations from restaurants and supporters for many of these needs in the past.

Please mark your calendar now for this major event. You do not want to miss this delicious dinner and value-packed auction. We promise that you will have fun and find some unbelievable treasures at amazing prices. Please be prepared to bid often and make high bids to help the cats. Please tell your friends and relatives about our event, and remember to bring your checkbook or cash. **We will not be taking credit cards.**

Monthly Supply Donations

The supplies shown below are those that we use on a daily basis. Therefore, we use a huge quantity of these items. Any can be donated in any month. They will be greatly appreciated and save the cats funds for other important needs. They can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation which are shown at the end of this newsletter.

April	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
May	Paper Towels
June	Bleach
July	Pine Cleaner
August	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
September	Paper Towels
October	Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Sam's, etc.)
November	Bleach
December	2022 Cat Calendars

Past Fund Raisers

Since the last newsletter, we have had only two fund raisers. On April 3rd, we had the Easter pie sale and bake sale. Both were very successful. We sold one hundred and nine pies at a profit of nearly four hundred dollars. This is thirty pies more than the Easter pie sale last year. The bake sale was also much larger than last year. One of our bakers, who lives in Tennessee, was able to bake again this year. In total, six people baked for this sale and contributed thirty-eight varieties of delicious baked goods. We had cookies, candy, cupcakes and pound cakes. With donations, the cats earned over eleven hundred dollars from the bake sale. This was the most profitable bake sale we have had. Thank you to everyone who baked for this sale and everyone who made purchases. You really helped with the cats' funding.

Current Fund Raisers

Please continue saving your Speedy Rewards and transferring them to The Tenth Life. You can transfer your points to The Tenth Life at the kiosk at any Speedway Station or online at Speedway's website. If you transfer your points to the following card number – 404440 098106, we can obtain one hundred dollar vanilla visa cards for purchasing supplies for the cats. If you transfer your points to The Tenth Life, the cats will greatly benefit from your generosity, and it will not cost you any of your own funds. Thanks for helping.

If you shop on Amazon, please remember to register and purchase through **Amazon Smile**. Please go to **Amazon Smile** and register as a supporter of The Tenth Life. After you have registered, do your shopping, and Amazon will send The Tenth Life a donation of half of a percent for the purchase. This is another easy way to support The Tenth Life without any expenditure of your own funds except for the item you are buying. Please remember this option when shopping on Amazon.

The cat furniture built by a volunteer is available for your shopping pleasure. We have a book at The Tenth Life showing the different designs available. The trees that he makes have a large base for stability and are

constructed of PVC or sturdy wood covered with carpet, and the posts can be covered with carpet or sisal. Prices vary by height and style. You can choose the color of carpet that you prefer. You and your cats will be thrilled.

As we previously told you, a supporter of The Tenth Life is making beautiful totes for us to sell. Some are cat fabric, some dog fabric and some “generic fabric” as she calls it. The generic fabrics are all beautiful and have different designs but are not cat or dog designs. The totes have a spacious pouch inside. We have them available at the Tenth Life or by mail. The totes sell for twenty dollars.

We have a wonderful selection of short (\$15.00) and long-sleeve (\$20.00) t-shirts, polo shirts (\$25.00) and sweatshirts (\$30.00). The short sleeve t-shirts are available in pale yellow, gold, Kelly green, lime green, pale pink, sand, light sand, spruce, natural, purple, navy, bright red, orange, forest green, black, Carolina blue, burgundy, gray, khaki, and olive. We have the long sleeve t-shirts in bright red, stonewashed green, maroon, royal blue, and gold. The polo shirts are available in gray, blue, red, lime green, gold, and dark green. The sweatshirts come in purple, black, navy, forest green, bright red, gold, light pink, brown, lime green, Carolina blue, burgundy, and gray. The t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts are available in M/L/XL/XXL&XXXL. Of course we do not have every size in every color. Any can be shipped with extra for postage.

We have crocheted catnip mice, fish, octopi, snakes (\$3.00), balls (\$2.00) and door hangers (a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted hanger) (\$5.00). We also have catnip mats (\$10.00) and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00).

Pet Hair Magnets (\$15.00), and Furminators (\$25.00) are available for your pet needs. The Pet Hair Magnets are wonderful for removing pet hair, and the Furminators work wonders for grooming your pet and removing mats.

Our note cards are great for writing your friends or they would make excellent gifts for your cat-loving friends. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars in a package. The entire front of the card is a cat face and the inside is blank.

These items make excellent presents for your cat friends and their people. All of these items are available at The Tenth Life or by mail with the **additional amount shown below for postage**. We know that you will love any of these items.

T-shirts (Long or Short Sleeve)	\$4.00
Polos, Sweatshirts, & Tote Bags	\$4.00
Catnip Toys & Note Cards,	\$3.00
Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators,	\$5.00

Future Fund Raisers

As we mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we are planning for another lasagna dinner and auction in August. More information will follow in the next newsletter. Please start saving your items now so that we can have another successful dinner and auction if the pandemic allows. We are already accepting items for the auction during our hours of operation.

We will attend the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival on September 11th and 12th and the Yellow Springs Street Fair on October 9th, if they are able to be held. We will have our usual array of cat related items, such as toys, The Tenth Life apparel, greeting cards, cat books, tote bags, etc. We will keep you informed as we have more information.

Reminders

We appreciate your saving ink cartridges, Fresh Step Paw Points, pennies, coupons, and aluminum for the cats. We redeem the ink cartridges for rewards to purchase office supplies, and the Fresh Step Paw Points for free litter. The Paw Points can be found on the bag or box of Fresh Step Litter. The code is ten characters, but is not the lot number. Simply cut off the top layer of the bag or box with the code and mail it to our post office box. **Please be sure to cut off the entire code.** The pennies can be wrapped or not. We are thrilled to get them either way. Sending coupons for Fresh Step Litter, canned and dry cat food, Yesterday’s News Litter, paper towels, toilet paper, wipes (Lysol, Clorox or Sam’s), and facial tissue



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save dollars when we shop for supplies. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum from cans (pet food or soft drink) to siding and spouting. **Canned vegetable cans are steel, not aluminum, and we do not recycle them. A magnet will not stick to aluminum, but will to other metals. We also do not recycle plastic bottles.** Any of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. Of course, the ink cartridges, Paw Points, and coupons can be sent to the post office box. Please keep saving and helping the cats.

Hours of Operation:

4:00-7:00pm Monday-Thursday
3:00-6:00pm Friday
10:30am-5:00pm on Saturday
12:30-5:00pm on Sunday

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